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EATING HOUSES IN PARKS OF DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the position of Delhi from `Environment` point of view;

(b) the area of Delhi under District Parksplaygrounds and open spaces in comparison to total area of National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(c) whether these parks are partly used by the restaurants and eating houses in formal and informal sectors;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Union Government have any plan to restore the originality of these parks and remove these eating houses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Delhi has to distinct natural features. The ridge which is the rocky outcrop of Aravali hills and the river Yamuna. Some parts of the ridge have been erased in the Central City Area. The ridge is to be maintained without further infringement. The river Yamuna can be made pollution free and recreational areas developed along its bank to make the river an integral part of the city physically and visually.

(b): The total area of National Capital Territory of Delhi is 148639 hectares out of which 44777 hectares is urban area. The area under Master Plan level recreational use is 8722 hectares.

(c)&(d): A restaurant is permissible in a District Park having an area of about 40 hectares subject to certain conditions. The details of eating houses under the jurisdiction of DDA are given below:

(i) Deer Park, Hauz Khas

(ii) Mehrauli Recreational Complex.

(iii) Swaranjayanti Park, Rohini; and

(iv) Asiad Tower Restaurant in Asian Games Village Complex.

(e): The restaurants in the green areas are subject to the lease terms and have been allowed as per the Master Plan provisions.